



Austin City Council MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - OCTOBER 20, 1993
AUSTIN SUITE OF THE CONVENTION CENTER
9:00 A.M.

Mayor Todd called to order the special called meeting of the Council, noting the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Urdy, for the following purpose:

DISCUSSION OF:

1. Masterplanning
2. Strategic Partnerships
3. Priorities and Strategic Planning

The Mayor introduced Strategic Partnerships (copy on file in City Clerk's office) and discussed his meeting in Washington, D.C. He then asked the people present to introduce themselves.

City Manager Barnett reviewed Strategic Partnerships and Jim Smith, Director of Planning illustrated with charts.

RECESS - The meeting was recessed from 10:45 to 11:00 A.M.

When the meeting resumed, Mr. Smith concluded his reports and then asked for comments from participants.

RECESS - The meeting was recessed from 11:50 A.M. to 1:55 P.M. for lunch. The speaker during this period was Dr. Betty Flowers, University of Texas.

The afternoon period of the retreat consisted of informal discussion among the members of the Council. Topics covered were the possibility of a retreat type meeting once a month; citizen communications during the Council meetings; a suggestion by Councilmember Reynolds to have public hearings on Monday evenings and agenda items on Thursday; Mayor Todd stressed the importance of having agenda items in by noon on Wednesday; quarterly neighborhood meetings; Councilmember Shea discussed a new meeting structure; each Councilmember discussed what each would want to do if they were a perfect member of the Council. Other discussion concerned child care as a priority, downtown economic package, BCCP, the need for a new city hall and a re-thinking of committee assignments.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 P.M.

